

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Allegation of corruption against Sri. Sunkanna, Agricultural Officer, Chennur Mandal, Adilabad District – Trapped by Anti Corruption Bureau Officials on 22-08-2008 - Prosecution Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms. No. 248

Dated: 03.10.2009

ORDER:-

Whereas Sri. Sunkanna, worked as Agricultural Officer, Chennur Mandal, Adilabad district during the period from 30-06-2007 to 22-08-2008 and as such he is a public servant within the meaning of clause (C) of section (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act. 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988)

2. And whereas it is alleged that Sri. Potu Srinivas, S/o Mallareddy is a resident of Chennur, Adilabad District makes out his living by running a fertilizer shop under the name and style of Srinivasa Traders. Sri. P. Srinivas is a sub-dealer and received stocks from a dealer Sri. A. Satyanarayana, Cement Fertilizer and Pesticides, Peddapalli. In the month of April 2008, Sri. Potu. Srinivas submitted an application to Sri. Sunkanna who is working as Agricultural Officer, Chennur for renewal of Fertilizer license. In that connection Sri. P. Srinivas met Sri Sunkanna umpteen number of times and requested Sri. Sunkanna for processing his application for renewal of license, on that, Sri. Sunkanna demanded an amount of Rs.2,000/- as illegal gratification for recommending license and for getting renewed. Finally, on 20-08-2008 Sri. P. Srinivas approached Sri. Sunkanna, at his house in the evening hours at about 6 P.M. and renewed his earlier request. On which, Sri. Sunkanna reiterated his earlier demand for getting the license renewed and for recommending.

3. And whereas it is further alleged that Sri. P.Srinivas was annoyed with the demand of bribe amount and approached the Inspector, ACB, Adilabad on 21-08-2008 at 11 a.m and lodged a report against Sri. Sunkanna and after verification of antecedents of Sri P. Srinivas and reputation of Sri Sunkanna, a case in Cr. No. 14/ACB-KNR/2008 u/s 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered and investigated into. During the course of investigation, the trap laying officer secured the presence of independent witnesses on 22-08-2008 and followed, as usual steps stipulated for the trap. All the trap party members including Sri.P. Srinivas proceeded to the house of Sri. Sunkanna. Sri. P.Srinivas entered into the house of Sri. Sunkanna and found Sri. Sunkanna was seated in a Sofa in first room. On seeing Sri. P.Srinivas, Sri. Sunkanna enquired whether the demanded amount was brought. On affirmative reply Sri. Sunkanna demanded and accepted bribe from him with his left hand and kept it on a paper available on sofa. Then he came out of the house and gave pre-arranged signal to the trap party members. In pursuance of the signal, all the trap party members rushed into the house en-masse. Thereafter the trap laying officer conducted scientific test on the fingers of Sri. Sunkanna. The right hand fingers proved nil and the left hand fingers turned into pink colour. Thereafter, the tainted amount was retrieved from the paper available on the sofa.

4. And whereas the above said acts of Sri. Sunkanna constitute an offence punishable under section 7, 13 (1) (d) read with 13 (2) of PC Act 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

5. And whereas the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri. Sunkanna, Agricultural Officer, from his office, and after carefully examining the material placed before the Government in respect of the said allegations and after perusing the entire material, Government have concluded that Sri. Sunkanna, Agriculture Officer, Chennur Mandal, Adilabad district should be prosecuted in a competent court of law for the aforesaid offences.

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6. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub – section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) Government hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the said Sri. Sunkanna, Agriculture Officer, Chennur Mandal, Adilabad district for the offences punishable under section 7, 13 (1) (d) read with 13 (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offence punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the above said acts and for taking cognizance of the said offence by the court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(RACHEL CHATTERJEE)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General,
Anti Corruption Bureau,
AP, Hyderabad.